

Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility

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Fact Sheet

Mission: The mission of the Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility is to maintain public safety in an environment where programming educates, trains, and inspires residents to be prepared for successful re-entry into the community; sustain a lifestyle consistent with social and family values; and live as law-abiding citizens.

History: The Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility (IREF) was opened as restricted minimum-security facility for adult male offenders on January 13, 2006. This Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) facility was converted into the nation's first correctional facility dedicated to re-entry after serving as the Indiana Boy's School for over 100 years. IREF relocated to the city of Indianapolis on December 16, 2009 at the site of the former Indiana Women's Prison.

Goal: IREF continues to maintain public safety while providing residents the skills required for successful reintegration into the community, with the ultimate goal of reducing recidivism. In an effort to meet these goals, IREF attempts to deinstitutionalize its residents by providing

them free movement inside a secured perimeter fence in a culture similar to civilian society.

IREF At-a-Glance

- Founded on January 13, 2006
- Maximum population: 544
- Since 2006, IREF has prepared thousands of residents for successful re-entry to the community.
- Re-Entry Specialists maintain low caseloads in order to provide individualized case-management services to residents.
- Host site for the Indiana Department of Correction Indiana Veterans Education and Transition (INVET) Program
- Residents are held to high standards of conduct; those who do not meet IREF standards for behavior, attitude, or participation are terminated from the program and returned to higher security level facilities.
- Residents are allowed and encouraged to wear civilian clothing (*per facility-specific rules and regulations*).
- Volunteer, faith-based groups and mentors offer a variety of programs and activities, and take active roles in preparing residents for release.

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